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1. REF A PROVIDED COMMENTS ON THE PLANNING FOR
INFRASTRUCTURE SLICE GROUP XXXI-XXXV (1980-84)
AND SUGGESTED A LISTING OF INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIRE-
MENTS EMERGING FROM LTDP, AND PROPOSED THAT THIS
EFFORT BE ACCOMPLISHED BY A SPECIAL TEAM COMPRISED
OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM SHAPE, SACLANT, IMS AND NATO/IS.
-- REF B COMMENTED ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE

REQUIREMENTS ARISING FROM LTDP INITIATIVES BUT STATED THAT THEY WERE NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN ARRIVING AT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE FUND CEILING FOR 1980-1984, THE EXCEPTIONS BEING THOSE ITEMS WHICH HAD BEEN PART OF ONGOING PROGRAMS.

2. THE CURRENT HIGH INTEREST IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM PLUS THE RELATED NATIONAL MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS INCREASES THE URGENCY TO DEVELOP AN

ANALYSIS OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE LTDP. WE SEE IT AS ESSENTIAL THAT LTDP REQUIREMENTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT DURING THE PERIOD 1980-1984 BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE PREPARATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ESTABLISHING THE FIVE-YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE FUND CEILING. PLEASE PROVIDE INFO ON ONGOING AND PROPOSED EFFORTS ON THIS PROBLEM, TOGETHER WITH MILESTONES IF ANY. IF OFFICIAL ACTION TO THIS END IS NOT UNDERWAY IN EITHER IS OR IMS REQUEST EARLY RECOMMENDATION ON APPROACH TO BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT FIVE-YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE FUND CEILING 1980-1984 IS ADEQUATE TO COVER LTDP INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS.

3. IN ADDITION, GIVEN STRONG CONGRESSIONAL VIEWS, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ADEQUATE PROVISION BE MADE
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FOR RECOUPMENT OF PRIOR PREFINANCING WHERE IT IS CLEARLY ELIGIBLE. DESPITE THE FACT THAT THIS WILL LIMIT FUNDING AVAILABLE TO MEET NEW NEEDS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE SHOW CONGRESS IN FUTURE A SUFFICIENTLY GOOD RECORD ON RECOUPMENT THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO ALLOW MINIMUM ESSENTIAL PREFINANCING OF TIME URGENT PROJECTS ON WHICH WE WOULD OTHERWISE FACE INORDINATE FUNDING DELAYS. THEREFORE, WE MUST BALANCE TWO CONFLICTING NEEDS.

4. THIS IS A JOINT STATE DEFENSE MESSAGE.

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